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Act 14
[To a World of Darkness]

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Special Forces against radiation

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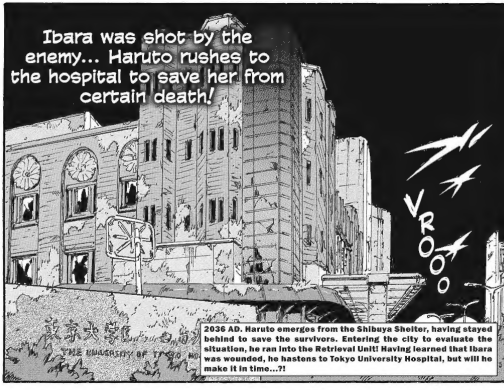
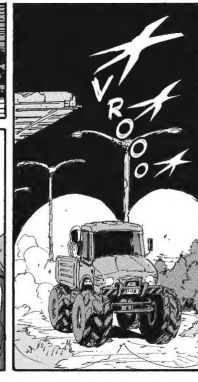

Ibara was shot by the enemy... Haruto rushes to the hospital to save her from certain death!
VROOO
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO HOSPITAL
2036 AD. Haruto emerges from the Shibuya Shelter, having stayed behind to save the survivors. Entering the city to evaluate the situation, he ran into the Retrieval Unit! Having learned that Ibara was wounded, he hastens to Tokyo University Hospital, but will he make it in time...?!

SKREE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Yeah! Hurry!
Is this it?!
BAM
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She's in an operating room over there!

HOSPITAL

He was burned alive, wasn't he?
What is he, *invincible*?
It's Haruto!

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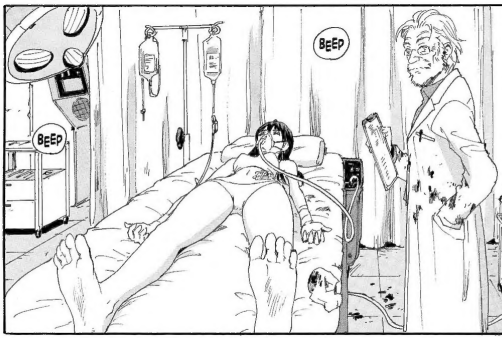
BAM
Here!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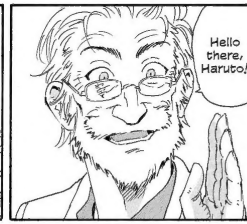
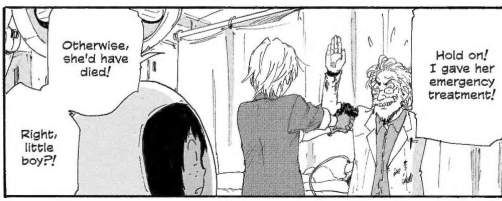
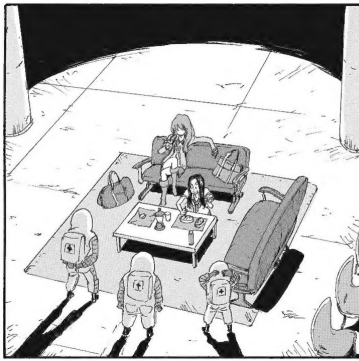
Why are YOU here?!
FWAP
Dr. Coppelius!


Hello there, Haruto!


Otherwise, she'd have died!
Right, little boy?!
Hold on! I gave her emergency treatment!

BEEEEE
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
Stop!
She's still in danger!
Oh no, her pulse!
I'll take care of the rest.
FW
AP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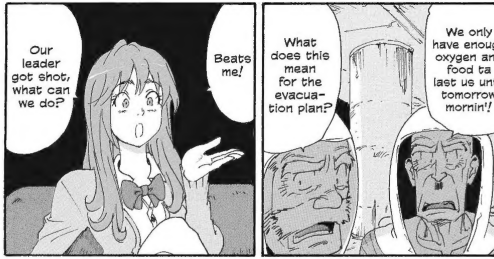
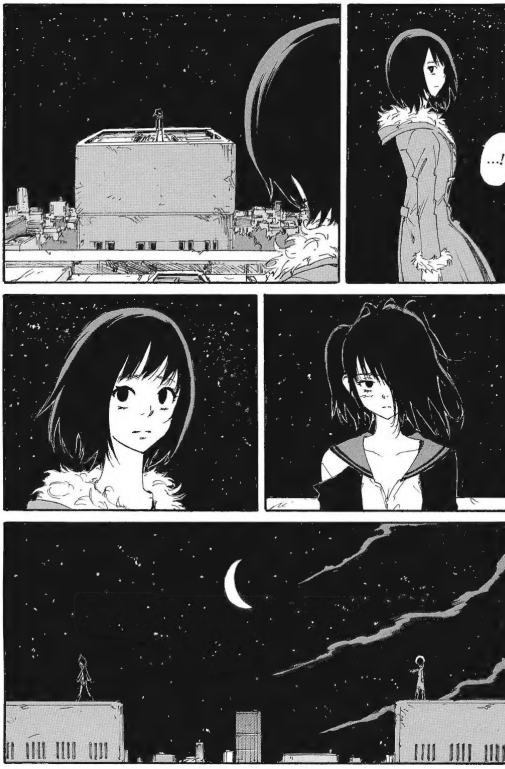
You gonna eat or what?
Aren't you guys hungry?

We gotta stick with just this today.
We have nutrient jelly!
SLURP
PCH

SLURP
OMF
OMF


Our leader got shot, what can we do?
Beats me!
What does this mean for the evacuation plan?
We only have enough oxygen and food ta last us until tomorrow mornin'!

There ain't any.
Sis, where's dessert?
Thank goodness Haruto's here!
We'll just have to wait for the rep to get back on her feet.
Those two are useless!



BEEP
BEEP
SWSH
CLOP
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Is this everyone?

Naruse's stable now.
I gave her some of my power to regenerate.
Once her body's healed, she should wake up on her own.
I'll be taking charge until then.

The Retrieval Unit...
I ran into them.
I don't believe we can reason with them.

The plan's totally screwed up, Haruto!
These Retrieval Unit guys showed up out of nowhere and nabbed Aoi Fukasaku.
What now?

They have their hands full trying to bring down the Black Wings.
Otherwise the three professors can't enter Tokyo, they said.
Those three must be coming to collect Aoi Fukasaku.

Huuuh.
So as long as the Black Wings are in the sky...
...we don't gotta worry about Aoi?
Exactly.
We'll have them keep each other busy for now.
The Fossiloids hide themselves at night.
They'll surely sneak up on us again.
But we can move through the city easily for now.
Don't forget about the reopening of the Daiba coffin!
We just checked the reading. The radiation's still increasing little by little.
If this keeps up, we won't be able to set foot in Haneda Airport!
...
How close is the sub-marine?

VROOOO
...?
What's up, kid?
Hellooo! Come in, Nomura!
The Black Wings are jamming the radios. They won't work this close to the center of the city.
She's not a bad girl.
Klara...

Ones that'll blow up if they go against orders.
They've got those chips in their heads, right?
...DOWNTOWN, SO WE CAN'T MAKE CONTACT—
FVVT
She was screwed from birth.
Give it up, kid! There's no way for us to save her.
HUH?! OH, KANON! THANK GOODNESS!
SKREE
Hey Nomura, it's me!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
TMP
That's Nomura's voice.
We got through!

Where are we?
Why, we're still in Denenchofu.
I see... Aoi was ...?!
Yes...
Y-Yes...
Oh, I see!
SAY WHAT?! HOW STUPID ARE YOU?!
WHAT ARE YOU DILLY-DALLYING FOR?! GET YOUR ASSES TO HANEDA!
But the submarine hasn't arrived there yet.
Huh?!
How do you know that?!
Who were you speaking with a moment ago?
WITH ME.

My apologies for speaking so quietly.
This is Vice Principal Mishima, on the submarine Genryu.
One of the Black Wings drones is pursuing us.
...BUT THAT'S ALL WE CAN MANAGE AT THE MOMENT.
WE SENT UP A TRANS-MITTER BUOY.
How are you reaching us from under-water?
Vice Prin-cipal Mishi-ma.
Do you have a plan?
OUGAI WOULD GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH TO STOP US, IT SEEMS.
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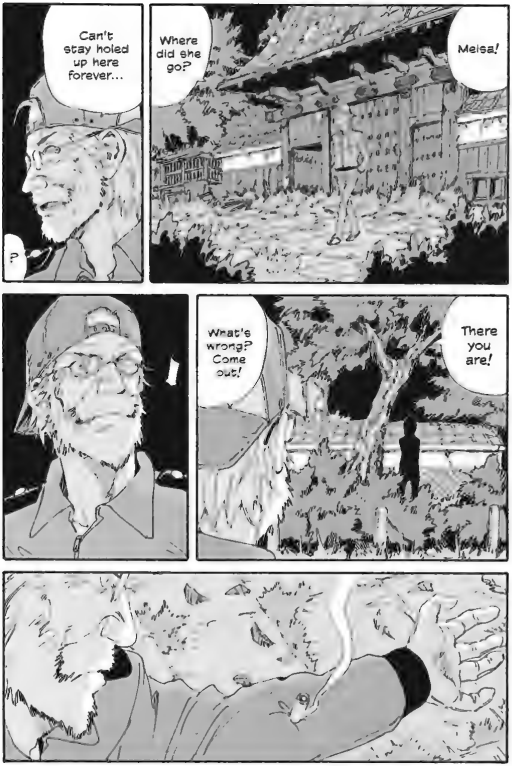
WE WERE WAITING FOR THE DRONE TO LEAVE, BUT IT WAS MET BY A REFUELER CRAFT.


Can't stay holed up here forever...
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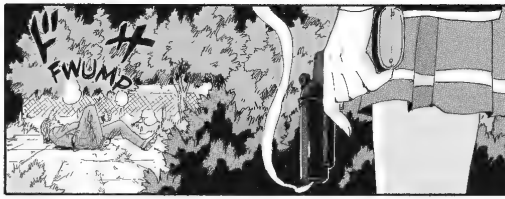
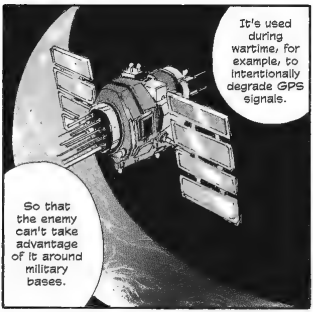
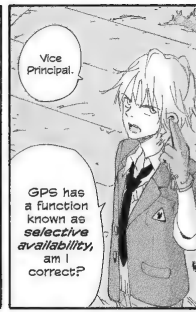
Where did she go?
Melsa!
What's wrong? Come out!
There you are!


FWUMP

They should be using GPS during flight, among other sensors.
Yes. The Black Wings are controlled by AI.
GPS?!

Uuugh, I don't get it!
So what about it?
Otherwise they wouldn't be able to fly over the ocean in the dark.
He's right.


It's used during wartime, for example, to intentionally degrade GPS signals.
So that the enemy can't take advantage of it around military bases.


Vice Principal.
GPS has a function known as *selective availability*, am I correct?

Can we use it against the Black Wings?
...Well?

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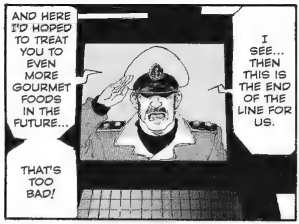
Correct. You know your way around military secrets...

That's a no-brainer!

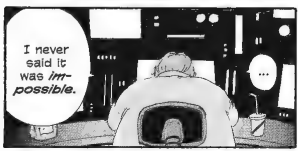
You want us to mess with the GPS satellites to confuse the drones' AI... and then what?
H-Hey now...

Send 'em off with some anti-air missiles!
You've got plenty, don't deny it! Gyahaha!
You can't be serious.
They'll blow us out of the water the moment we start our engines!
Quit your whining!
You know what'll happen if you don't show at Haneda!
You're the JGSDF— you should be willing to risk your lives to save these guys!
GRIP
Dammit ...
Yeah, we'll save 'em! Our necks are already on the line!
SHH!

I'll find someone!
Do you have anyone who could hack into the GPS system?
VP.
Listen, VP...
Nagoya, Third Division Research Center—
Hack the GPS system?!
There are countless GPS satellites orbiting the Earth.
And they're all the property of different nations!

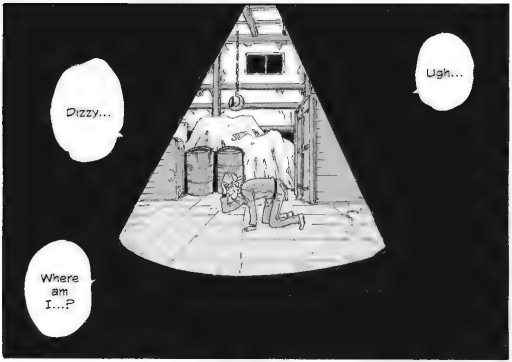

AND HERE I'D HOPED TO TREAT YOU TO EVEN MORE GOURMET FOODS IN THE FUTURE...
THAT'S TOO BAD!
I SEE... THEN THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR US.

We'd become inter-national fugitives!
We can't hack them all at once.
OMF
OMF


I never said it was *im-possible.*

...There's some-thing I'd like to ask Dr. Cop-pelius.
SWIP
Let's go back to the hospital.

We could go beat the daylights out of the Retrieval Unit.
So what do we do in the mean-time?
Alright, sounds like we're on to some-thing.

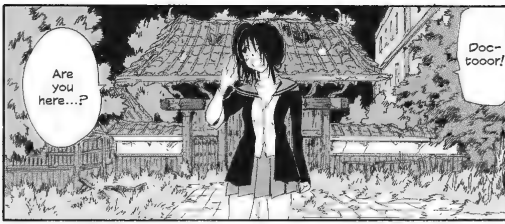

Ugh...
Dizzy...
Where am I...?

...!

...!
She looks like me.
Or is this me?
Give it back.
I was shown that picture so many times.
I was even made to wear my hair the same way as her.
FLING

You created countless "Setsuna Itamis," and threw them all away.
Did you think you could revive the dead?
You threw us away.
And yet...
...in a world of darkness.
And we were forgotten...
STREET
バターン
SLAM

I have no excuses.
Do with me as you like.
You were put through a horrible experience.
You would have been handed over to the three professors after I was chased out of the lab...
...
So that's what happened.
...?
There's something we need from you.
Stand up.


Are you here...?
Doc-tooor!

VRROOO
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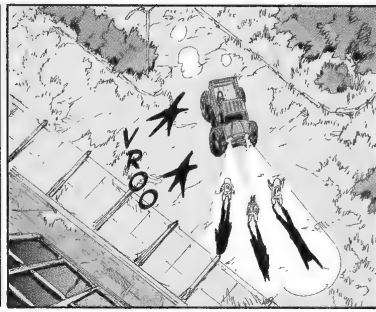
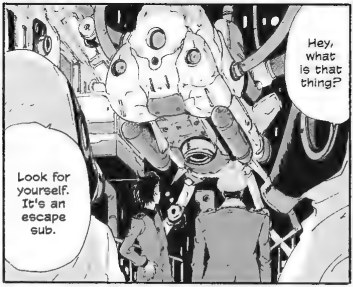
Ugh ...
You were the one who told me to wait here...

KRRE


VROO

Dr. Coppelius is gone.
Well...
Did some-thing happen?
What's wrong?
We searched for him, but...
What?!
Why didn't you say so sooner?!
Aw...
I got scold-ed...
Think he's been kidnapped? Gyahaha!
Oh yeah, the Retrieval Unit was looking for 'im!
AHAHA!

You found one?!
Yes, VP!


Hey, what is that thing?
Look for yourself. It's an escape sub.

This is it.
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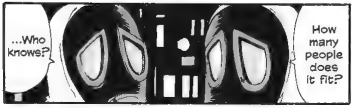
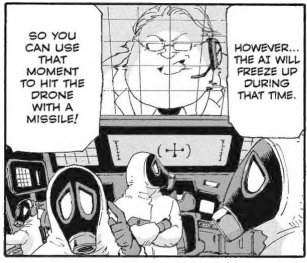
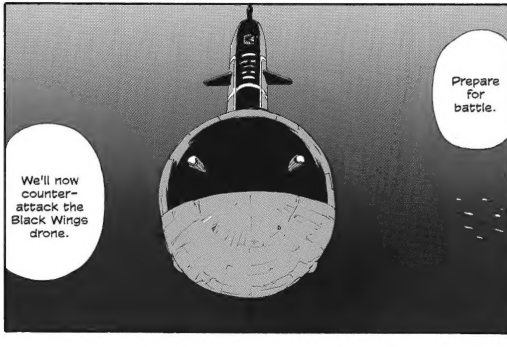

How many people does it fit?
...Who knows?

So if this doesn't work we'll be rotting at the bottom of the ocean... dammit!
It's probably meant for the Prime Minister.
I can hack into a GPS satellite at any time!
I'm ready to activate selective availability.
VICE PRIN-CIPAL-MISHIMA!
The Black Wings' AI is quite advanced.
It can likely correct for the error in a matter of seconds.
Uh... there's one problem.
Shall we?
Well, then...

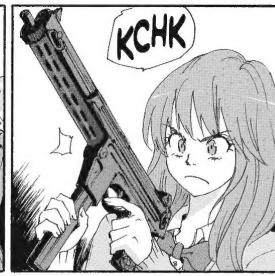

SO YOU CAN USE THAT MOMENT TO HIT THE DRONE WITH A MISSILE!
HOWEVER... THE AI WILL FREEZE UP DURING THAT TIME.

That's it?!
Se-conds?!

All hands, take your sta-tions.


Prepare for battle.
We'll now counter-attack the Black Wings drone.

Where're you goin' with those?
Huh?
THUD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And keep the three professors and the Retrieval Unit from meeting—
We need to monitor the situation...
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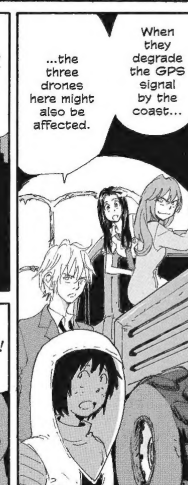
When they degrade the GPS signal by the coast...
...the three drones here might also be affected.

Don't forget about Kiara!
You can't kill her!
...Kanon!

...In the Genryu's success.
We can only trust...
We'll treat her special.
Okay already!
Cleanup Crew, move out...!
DRA
DTA
DTA
BOOM
Next time, the Genryu goes into battle!
to be continued...